

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Refusal of Planning Permission

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Part 1 – Particulars of the application/development

Proposal: Retrospective change of use from a Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3 (a)) to a Guest House (Use Class C1)

Location: 31 Milverton Road, Manchester, M14 5PJ

Date of application: 17 October 2025

Application number: 144291/FO/2025

Part 2 – Particulars of decision

Manchester City Council gives notice that the development referred to in Part 1 has been **Refused** in accordance with the application and plans submitted for the reason(s) listed below.

Article 35 Declaration

The proposal is considered to be contrary to the development plan and therefore refused in a timely manner.

Reason(s) for decision

1) The proposed guest house is not located on a main radial route, nor would it be located within the City Centre or a District Centre, or location devoted to leisure or recreation activity, where uses of this nature are usually considered to be appropriately located, to avoid any adverse impacts on the character or amenities of the occupiers of residential premises. The proposed use is therefore considered to be contrary to policies SP1, CC4 and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy.

2) The retrospective Change of use from a Dwellinghouse (Use Class C3 (a)) to a Guest House (Use Class C1) has resulted in the loss of a family dwellinghouse, thereby reducing the availability of family housing, and undermine the formation of sustainable communities. The proposal would therefore be contrary to the provision of policies SP1,

H1, H5, and DM1 of the Manchester Core Strategy (2012), the Guide to Development in Manchester Supplementary Planning Document (2007) and the National Planning Policy Framework (2019).

3) The use of dwellinghouse (Use Class C3 (a)) to a Guest House (Use Class C1) would by reason of the additional comings and goings and general activity associated with such uses have a detrimental impact on the amenity of local residents. The proposed development is therefore contrary to the provisions of Core Strategy policy DM1 and saved Unitary Development Plan policy DC4.

4) The Guest House provides sub-standard accommodation, given the number of guests that can stay at the property at any one time, the density of guests per room and the facilities afforded to the accommodation. The proposed development is therefore contrary to the provisions of Core Strategy policy DM1, UDP policy DC4 and the guidance contained in the Manchester Residential Quality Guidance.

Date: 10 December 2025

Signed: 

Julie Roscoe
Director of Planning, Building Control & Licensing

Manchester City Council, P O Box 532, Town Hall, Manchester M60 2LA

Notes

1. This decision relates only to that required under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 does not include any consent or approval under any other enactment, byelaw, order or regulation.

2. If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission or approval for the proposed development, or to grant permission or approval subject to conditions, they may appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within six months of the date of the notice of the decision. However, if an enforcement notice has been served for the same or very similar development within the previous 2 years, the time limit is:

- 28 days from the date of the LPA decision if the enforcement notice was served before the decision was made yet not longer than 2 years before the application was made.
- 28 days from the date the enforcement notice was served if served on or after the date the decision was made (unless this extends the appeal period beyond 6 months).

The Planning Inspectorate have introduced an online appeals service that can be used to make appeals online. This service is available through the gov.uk website – www.gov.uk/appeal-planning-decision. The Inspectorate will publish details of your appeal on the internet. Alternatively If you are unable to access the online appeal form, please contact the Planning Inspectorate to obtain a paper copy of the appeal form on tel: 0303 444 5000.

The Secretary of State has power to allow a longer period for the giving of a notice of appeal but they will not normally be prepared to exercise this power unless there are special circumstances that excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

If you intend to submit an appeal that you would like examined by inquiry then you must notify the City Council (planning@manchester.gov.uk) and the Planning Inspectorate (inquiryappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk) at least 10 days before submitting the appeal. [Further details are on GOV.UK.](#)

3. The statutory requirements are those set out in Section 79(6) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, namely Sections 70(1) and 72(1) of the Act.

4. If either the local planning authority or the Secretary of State refuses permission to develop land or grants it subject to conditions, the owner may claim that they can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances, the owner may serve a purchase notice on the Council in whose area the land is situated. This notice will require the Council to purchase their interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

5. In certain circumstances, a claim may be made against the local planning authority for compensation, where permission is refused or granted subject to conditions by the Secretary of State on appeal or on a reference of the application to them. The circumstances in which such compensation is payable are set out in Section 114 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.